

**Introduced by Senator Murray**

February 23, 2006

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An act to add and repeal Section 13997.2 of the Government Code, relating to international trade and investment.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1525, as introduced, Murray. International trade and investment office: Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

Existing law provides for the establishment of an international trade and investment office in Yerevan, in the Republic of Armenia, on a contract basis by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, under the supervision of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing. The secretary is authorized to accept private donations for the purposes of promoting international trade and investment, including the administration of international trade and investment offices.

This bill would, until January 1, 2012, require the Governor to instruct the secretary to establish, on a contract basis, an international trade and investment office in Johannesburg, in the Republic of South Africa. It would require the secretary to report to the Legislature on the success of the international trade and investment office no later than June 1, 2011, according to specified criteria.

The bill would specify that it would be implemented only to the extent that funds are available to the agency for purposes of the bill from any source.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 13997.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:

13997.2. (a) The Governor shall instruct the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to establish, on a contract basis, an international trade and investment office in Johannesburg, in the Republic of South Africa, to serve the region of sub-Saharan Africa.

(b) The secretary shall report to the Legislature on the success of the international trade and investment office in Johannesburg no later than June 1, 2011. The report shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The level of investment and tourism directed to this state as a direct result of the international trade and investment office.

(2) The level of imports sent to this state as a direct result of the international trade and investment office.

(3) The level of California exports sent to the region of sub-Saharan Africa as a direct result of the international trade and investment office.

(4) A cost-benefit analysis of the international trade and investment office.

(5) An analysis of the costs and outcomes of the international trade and investment office compared with those of the other international trade and investment offices.

(c) This section shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are available to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for this purpose from any source, including, but not limited to, federal funding and private donations authorized pursuant to Section 13997. Private donations made pursuant to Section 13997 and specified for the international trade and investment office in Johannesburg shall be deposited in a separate subaccount within the Economic Development and Trade Promotion Account and may be used only for the operation of this office.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted

1 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends  
2 that date.

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